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CODEL PERCY DURING STOPOVER YOKOTA AFB REQUESTED
EMBASSY TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SEN PERCY,
SEN JAVITS, SEN PELL, SEN STEVERSON,
CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY, CONGRESSMAN HECKLER, CONGRESSMAN
MC CLOSKEY, AND DR. JOHN LEWIS TO THE WHITE HOUSE
(PRESIDENT, NSC ET AL), THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND INFO POSTS
LISTED ABOVE. SENATOR PERCY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE A COPY BEING
PASSED TO NADINE JACOBSON OF HIS OFFICE (TEL: 202-654-6488).

BEGIN TEXT CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO SECSTATE:
OUR DELEGATION TODAY COMPLETED INTENSELY INTERESTING
AND WE HOPE SUCCESSFUL TWO-WEEK TRIP
TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. IT VISITED SEVEN
CITIES AND ENVIRONS IN NORTH AND EAST CENTRAL CHINA,
SOME OF WHICH HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN OPENED TO
AMERICAN DELEGATIONS. WE HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS
WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS.

IN RESPECT TO THE FUTURE OF UNITED STATES-CHINA RELATIONS,
WE HAVE THESE INITIAL OBSERVATIONS TO BE
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FULLY SUPPLEMENTED IN OUR FORTHCOMING REPORT:
1. THE CHINESE EMPHASIZED THEY DO EXPECT
PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT CHINA THIS FALL AND THAT HE
WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED. THE AGENDA WILL BE ESSENTIALLY

THE PRESIDENT'S AND NEED NOT INCLUDE TAIWAN. THE VISIT IS IMPORTANT TO THEM.

2. THERE IS WIDESPREAD SUSPICION OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE. WE WERE ASKED REPEATEDLY: "WHICH DO YOU CONSIDER MORE IMPORTANT: FORD'S VISIT TO HELSINKI OR TO CHINA?"

3. THE CHINESE APPEAR TO HAVE MODERATED AND EXTENDED SLIGHTLY THEIR POSITION ON ARMS CONTROL. THEY NO LONGER STATE THAT "THE SUPERPOWERS MUST WITHDRAW FROM ABROAD ALL THEIR ARMED FORCES." THEY HAVE CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONES FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. THEY AFFIRMED THEIR HOPE THAT THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE ITS STRONG SUPPORT OF NATO.

4. THE CHINESE ARE INCREASING THE ROLE OF THE CIVILIAN MILITIA IN MAINTAINING ORDER AND SECURITY AND IN SOME AREAS HAVE SHIFTED TO DEPENDENCE ON THE REGULAR MILITIA FOR DEFENSE.

5. WITH RESPECT TO THE KOREAN PENISNULA, WE USED EVERY OCCASION AT EVERY LEVEL TO EMPHASIZE OUR TREATY RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA AS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE. WE FURTHER NOTED THAT WE CONSIDER IT OUR OBLIGATION TO USE OUR INFLUENCE TO RESTRAIN PARK FROM ADVENTUROUS MOVES IN THE NORTH, AND WE WOULD EXPECT CHINA TO DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO RESTRAIN THE NORTH IN THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE. THE CHINESE STATED THAT KOREA "SHOULD BE UNIFIED AND SHOULD HAVE PEACE AND THIS IS THE POLICY THAT WE SUPPORT."

6. IN TERMS OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES, THE CHINESE SEEM TO BE CONCENTRATING ON INTERNAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WHILE NOT PREOCCUPIED WITH EXTERNAL TRADE ISSUES, CHINA'S LEADERS SEEM INTERESTED IN RECTIFYING INBALANCES IN TRADE OVER A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME WITH THE U.S. AND APPRECIATED OUR INTEREST IN THIS OBJECTIVE. WE BELIEVE THEY WOULD WELCOME CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIONS TOWARD THIS END.

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7. FOLLOWING TALKS WITH PROVINCIAL AND LOWER-LEVEL LEADERS, WE BELIEVE THE POSSIBILITY MAY EXIST FOR LATER U.S.-CHINESE MUTUAL COOPERATION "HERE ON EARTH" INCLUDING COOPERATION IN SUCH AREAS AS FLOOD CONTROL AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. AS SUCH COOPERATION DEVELOPS, AREAS NOW QUITE UNEXPECTED AND UNEXPLORED BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS MIGHT DEVELOP AND MIGHT EVEN BE MORE BROADLY BENEFICIAL TO THE PEOPLES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, HIGHER LEVEL OFFICIALS ARE SKEPTICAL AND WANTED NO PUBLIC MENTION OF THIS SO WE CONFINED COMMUNIQUE TO BILATERAL RELATIONS.

8. CHINESE LEADERS RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE REQUEST FOR A VISIT OF CONGRESSWOMEN AND HAVE

HAD FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON THE WOMEN WHO MIGHT
PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE DELEGATIONS.

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9. IN THE AREAS WE VISITED, CROP YIELDS ARE
EXPECTED TO BE "QUITE" HIGH THUS REDUCING THE NEED
FOR OPEN MARKET FOOD PURCHASES THIS YEAR.
THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF OUR UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTED COMMUNIQUE FROM SHANGHAI AUTHORIZED FOR
RELEASE 6PM ETD, AUGUST 17, 1975. PLEASE USE
YOUR OWN JUDGMENT CONCERNING WHAT, IF ANYTHING, IS
TRANSMITTED IN ADVANCE TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON AND MISSION
AT THE UN OF THIS MESSAGE TO YOU AND COMMUNIQUE.
END TEXT CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO SECSTATE.
BEGIN TEXT OF DEPARTURE COMMUNIQUE.
SHANGHAI, AUGUST 16, 1975, FOR RELEASE AFTER
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1975, 6PM EDT - THE SEVENTEEN
MEMBERS OF THE SEVENTH UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION TO VISIT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
LEFT TODAY FOR HOME AFTER A THIRTEEN-DAY VISIT AT
THE OFFICIAL INVITATION OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S
INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SENATOR CHARLES H.
PERCY SERVED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION, AND
SENATORS JACOB K. JAVITS AND CLAIBORNE PELL AS
CO-CHAIRMEN. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN THE
DELEGATION ARE SENATOR ADLAI E. STEVENSON AND
REPRESENTATIVES PAUL FINDLEY, MARGARET M. HECKLER,
AND PAUL N. CM CLOSKEY, JR. DR. JOHN W. LEWIS SERVED
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AS ADMINISTRATOR.

THE DELEGATION MET FOR FOUR HOURS WITH VICE PREMIER OF THE STATE COUNCIL TENG HSIAO-PING. IT HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER LEADING OFFICIALS AT THE NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, MUNICIPAL, AND RURAL LEVELS. ITS DISCUSSIONS IN EACH PLACE WERE FRIENDLY, STIMULATING, AND INFORMATIVE AND COVERED IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF SINO-U.S. RELATIONS AND OTHER TOPICS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. DURING ITS TRAVELS THE DELEGATION MEMBERS ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE STRUCTURE OF CHINA'S GOVERNMENT, ITS SOCIETY, AND ITS IDEOLOGY. IN EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE HOSPITALITY SHOWN THE DELEGATION THROUGHOUT CHINA, THE DELEGATION PARTICULARLY SINGLED OUT FOR PRAISE THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LED BY VICE PRESIDENT CHOU CHIU-YEH.

IN PEKING AND OTHER PLACES THE DELEGATION HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE MANY FACETS OF LIFE IN MODERN CHINA AND TO SEE VARIOUS HISTORICAL SITES. DURING ITS STAY, IT VISITED NOT ONLY PEKING, SHANGHAI, AND NANKING, BUT ALSO THE CITIES AND ENVIRONS OF TSINAN, TSINGTAO, YANGCHOW AND WUHSI. SOME OF THESE PLACES HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN OPENED TO AMERICAN DELEGATIONS.

THE DELEGATION AT THESE STOPS EXAMINED DIFFERENT TYPES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMUNES, HANDICRAFT AND LIGHT INDUSTRIES, AND HEAVY INDUSTRY. IN EACH PLACE ITS MEMBERS TALKED WITH MANAGERS AND WORKERS, OLD AND YOUNG, AND DEVELOPED AN INSIGHT INTO THE IMPORTANT WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE SOCIETY. THEY VISITED THE FLOOD CONTROL, IRRIGATION, POWER GENERATION, AND LAND RENEWAL PROJECTS ON THE YELLOW RIVER AND THEN WERE AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE THIS PROJECT WITH THE VAST KIANGTU WATER CONTROL PROJECT ON LCTE HUAI RIVER IN EAST CENTRAL CHINA.

THE DELEGATION NOTED IN PARTICULAR SEVERAL POINTS RELEVANT TO THE NORMALIZATION OF UNITED STATES-CHINA RELATIONS. IT FORESEES NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, THE EXPANDED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY, THE GROWTH OF TRAVEL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE, AND THE FURTHERING OF MUTUAL CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO SOCIETIES. THE DELEGATION GAVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE VAST AREA INVOLVED. IT REAFFIRMED WITH THE CHINESE THAT TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, TO BE OF LASTING VALUE TO BOTH, MUST BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. SINCE THE OPENING OF SINO-U.S. TRADE IN 1972, A GREATER TWO-WAY BALANCE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED THOUGH IN THE LAST MONTHS THE SCOPE OF THAT TRADE HAS BEEN REDUCED. THE CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION NOTED

THEIR INTENTION TO STUDY FURTHER QUESTIONS OF TRADE AND COMMERCE AND TO DETERMINE, ON THE U.S. SIDE, HOW TO ESTABLISH SUITABLE AREAS IN WHICH THE ECONOMIC TIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES CAN BE STRENGTHENED, INCLUDING OUTREACH TO REARRANGE THE IMPORT-EXPORT BALANCE.

THE DELEGATION NOTED FURTHER THAT TECHNICAL INTERCHANGE IS OF GROWING IMPORTANCE AND SAW POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER MUTUAL COOPERATION AS FOR EXAMPLE IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF WATER CONTROL. AS SUCH COOPERATION DEVELOPS, THE MEMBERS STATED, AREAS NOW QUITE UNEXPECTED AND UNEXPLORED BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS MIGHT DEVELOP.

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PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS PAID TO ADDITIONAL AREAS FOR TECHNICAL EXCHANGE IN THE SCIENTIFIC FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE AND AQUACULTURE. THE DELEGATION STATED THAT THESE SHOULD BE EXPANDED WHERE POSSIBLE AND WHERE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. SIMILARLY, FROM ITS VISITS TO HOSPITALS, CONVALESCENT HOMES, AND CHILDCARE CENTERS, IT COULD SEE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT FROM EXPANDING TECHNICAL INTERCHANGE AND RESEARCH COOPERATION IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH FIELDS AS FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE PART OF THE U.S., IN PEER REVIEW AND CANCER RESEARCH AND, ON THE PART OF CHINA, IN ACUPUNCTURE ANESTHESIOLOGY AND RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE.

AS TO TRAVEL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES, THE DELEGATION NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA ALREADY ENJOY AN INCREASING EXCHANGE AND THAT THERE IS A VAST INTEREST IN TRAVEL TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE UNITED STATES. THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE CONGRESSIONAL VISITS

TO CHINA INCLUDING THOSE OF CONGRESSWOMEN. IN
RESPECT TO ITS POSITION, THE DELEGATION EMPHASIZED
THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDING TRAVEL FROM CHINA TO
THE U.S. THE DELEGATION EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT
IT MIGHT RECIPROcate THE HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO IT
AND OTHER CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS. THE MEMBERS
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LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN OFFICIALS OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE
NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, WILL VISIT THE UNITED
STATES AND, WHEN THE TIME IS PROPITIOUS, TO ENGATE
IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. THEY EXPRESSED THE BELIEF
THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO EXPOSE BOTH SYSTEMS TO FIRST-
HAND OBSERVATION AND THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA CAN DERIVE AS MUCH BENEFIT FROM THAT PROCESS
AS HAD BEEN DERIVED FROM THE DELEGATION'S VIEW OF
CHINA.

AS TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE, THE DELEGATION
CONSIDER THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AN EXCELLENT
BASIS FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS. IT HOPES THE VISIT
OF PRESIDENT FORD TO CHINA LATER THIS YEAR WILL
FURTHER CEMENT THIS BASIS. FURTHERMORE ITS MEMBERS
EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SHANGHAI
COMMUNIQUE NOTHING WILL OCCUR TO BREACH THE PEACE
ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND THAT EACH SIDE SHOULD
DEVOTE ITS VERY BEST EFFORTS TO THIS END.

THE DELEGATION WILL MAKE A WRITTEN REPORT TO
PRESIDENT FORD AND TO THE CONGRESS SHORTLY AFTER ITS
RETURN. IT STATED THAT COPIES OF THIS REPORT WILL
ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ITS HOSTS IN CHINA AND
TO AMBASSADORS HUANG CHEN AND HAN HSU OF THE LIAISON
OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN WASHINGTON
AND AMBASSADOR HUANG HUA, CHINA'S PERMANENT REPRESENTA-
TIVE TO THE UN. IN THIS REPORT, BASED UPON ITS
DIRECT OBSERVATIONS, THE DELEGATION PROPOSES
TO ENDEAVOR TO CORRECT MISCONCEPTIONS HELD IN THE
U.S. ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND IT
SINCERELY HOPES SIMILAR EFFORTS MAY BE MADE ON THE
CHINESE SIDE ABOUT MISCONCEPTIONS REGARDING THE U.S.
HELD IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION THROUGHOUT THE
VISIT NOTED FREQUENT REFERENCES TO THE FRIENDSHIP
OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA. THEY CONSIDERED THESE REFERENCES A SIGNIFICANT
CHANGE FROM THE TWO DECADES OF ALIENATION IN
U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE
THAT THIS NEW SPIRT OF FRIENDSHIP -- THE SPIRIT OF
THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE -- WOULD CONTINUE TO DEEPEN
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AND TO ANIMATE BOTH PEOPLES AND BOTH COUNTRIES IN
THE YEARS AHEAD, AND EXPRESSED THEIR GREAT APPRECIATION
FOR THE GENEROUS RECEPTION GIVEN THE DELEGATION
THROUGHOUT ITS ENTIRE STAY IN THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA. END TEXT DEPARTURE COMMUNIQUE.

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